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August 17, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Working Group III

FROM: Gustavus Tuckerman, Acting Chairman  
Working Group III

SUBJECT: WG-III Report in response to EDAC D-121

The following statement aims at delineating the report to the Executive Committee due August 30th. It has been discussed with the Chairman of this Committee.

It is suggested that the members of WG-III endeavor to come to the scheduled meeting prepared to agree on the scope of this report as rapidly as possible.

WG-III Report in response to EDAC D-121

This report is confined to presenting those bloc economic activities, consisting of trade and development and technical assistance offers, the objectives of which have apparently included:

a) obtaining strategic imports, technology, and services, either by purchase or barter or by extending credit to finance the production of strategic imports; and

b) increasing the reliance of a country on trade with the bloc with the aim of exacting strategic imports from it.

The report thereby excludes reference to bloc economic activities undertaken in the pursuit of other objectives, political or economic, without reflecting any judgment as to whether any of those other activities are or should be considered of "economic defense" interest.

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